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Idaho Dry Bean Production Up

Idaho dry bean production for 2010 is forecast to be 2.45 million cwt, up 24 percent from last year's 1.98 million cwt, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields are expected to average 1,900 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds per acre from 2009 and down 50 pounds per acre from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 129,000 acres, up 30 percent from last year's 99,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 4.67 million tons, down 2 percent from 2009. Harvested acreage, at 1.14 million acres, is unchanged from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 704,000 tons from 320,000 harvested acres, down from the 740,000 tons from 370,000 acres in 2009. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2010 is forecast to be 5.47 million tons, down 2 percent from the 5.59 million tons a year ago. Yield of 32.2 tons per acre is down from last year's 34.3 tons per acre. Harvested area of 170,000 acres is up from the 163,000 acres harvested in 2009. Corn planted for 2010 is estimated at 310,000 acres, up from 300,000 acres the previous year. Of the 310,000 acres planted, 95,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, up 19 percent from last year. Production of canola is expected to total 33.1 million pounds from 18,400 harvested acres.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 32.6 million cwt for 2010, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast. Planted area is forecast at 1.90 million acres, up 7 percent from the August 1 forecast. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 7 percent above the August 1 forecast. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,783 pounds per acre, a decrease of 15 pounds from the August 1 forecast. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 71.3 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 81.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 6 percent from last year. U.S. sugarbeet production for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.3 million tons, up 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, down 19,000 acres from September and down 24,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 29.6 tons per acre, an increase of 0.7 ton from the previous forecast and 3.9 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. The first canola production forecast for 2010 is 2.53 billion pounds, up 72 percent from 2009. U.S. corn production is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels.

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